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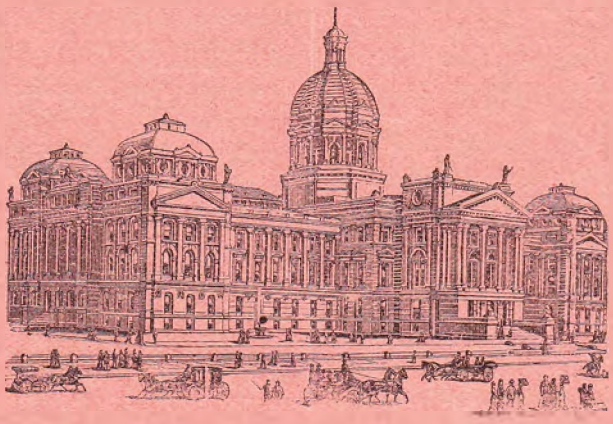

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The Hoosier Stamp.

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THE POST-OFFICE AT THE WORLD'S FAIR.

The postal museum is practically established, and it will be opened first at the World's Columbian Exposition. The large collection of articles, gathered from our own and from foreign countries, has been arranged and packed for shipment to Chicago. It will be supplemented by models, pictures, geographical delineations and the transportation exhibit, and the whole will come back to the post-office department for a permanent public display. The act of April 25, 1890, which created the exposition, authorized the erection of a Government building. This is near completion and in it 12,222 square feet of ground floor and 2,860 of gallery space have been allotted to the post-office department. It is intended that the postal exhibit shall comprise stamped paper, models of carriers and post riders of coaches, cars and steamships, of buildings, of mail equipments, photographs, maps and historical documents, and articles also from the Dead Letter Office museum. Foreign governments have been invited to contribute.

It is intended to have, both for the every-day convenience of World's Fair visitors and to illustrate the operations of an ideal post-office, a station of the Chicago office in operation in the space assigned to the post-office department in the Government building. This station will be 43 feet in width by 100 feet in length; near by will be a full-sized postal car, especially constructed as an exhibit and loaned by the manufacturer free of cost, so that the detailed methods of the postal-car system will be practically illustrated with the ideal post-office. The post-office appropriation bill carried with it $40,000 for the expense of this World's Fair station, and $23,000 were added for the transportation of the mails to and from the grounds.

ANOTHER FRAUD.

W. F. Slusser, formerly of Rochester, Ind., is wanted by the post-office inspector. We learn that he is the "American Stamp and Publishing Co." and the

"Indiana Stamp Co." that figured prominently at that place for their dishonesty. He is also the party that masqueraded under the nom de plume of Harry Mekeel, of Wabash, Ind., who was mentioned recently in Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News. His operations were similar to those employed by other frauds, excepting that he worked on a larger scale. His letters, requesting sheets, were written on printed letterheads, stating that "Stamps sent on approval will receive prompt attention," and that he was a "Philatelist, Numismatist and Oologist," so he has probably been defrauding others as well as stamp dealers.

A POSTAL REMITTING CARD.

FROM THE REPORT OF POSTMASTER-GEN'L.

Something to take the place of fractional currency for the remittance of small sums is very desirable for the convenience of the people and to stop the influx into cities of large quantities of postage stamps which are sold at a discount, thus creating a market for counterfeiters and for stolen stamps.

I urge the consideration of the issue of a money postal card of denominations of 10 cents, 25 cents, 50 cents and $1, and of the form of the present small card and exactly similar to the ordinary postal card on the address side, and on the reverse side an order on the postmaster of the city of address for a fixed sum, payable on the signature of the payee, named in the address.

The cards could be bought at the post-office in bulk and the trouble incident to seeking money orders would be saved to a large extent.

For odd sums postage stamps could be used in addition to the cards. The openness of the method would not mitigate against its safety. Letters with half dollars or gold pieces inclosed are much more tempting to the dishonest than a postal money card would be, that could not be used by any other than the proper person, except by committing the crime of forgery.

CANADIAN NOTES.

"All is not gold that glitters" says an old proverb, nor is every person who is able to write B. A., M. A., L. L. B., L. L. D. or any other emblem of learning and education after his autograph the embodyment of honesty. The following is clipped from a recent copy of the *Toronto Empire:* "Odilion Crepeand, L. L. D., a clever lawyer in Montreal, is said to have been doing a profitable business by cleaning old law stamps and selling them as new. The Grose & Carpenter detective

agency were set to work and Crepeand's arrest followed." Most assuredly "the way of the transgressor is hard."

Canada has at least one Philatelic journal which can look down from its lofty pedestal upon all contemporaries. This gem (?) of Philatelic literature is *The Ottawa Philatelist*. In the December number the public is regaled with a review of the November numbers of some of the philatelic periodicals, which, to say the least, is disgraceful. The reader is informed by this "Critical Critique" that the editors of the *Pennsylvania Philatelist* are "amateurs," the editors of *The American Philatelic Magazine* are "kids," the editor of *Philatelic Facts and Fallacies* is suffering from "biliousness" and the editor and reviewer of the *Philatelic Era* is non-original, a laughing stock and *steal* other people's ideas. Then this worthy writer, moralizing on *The Canadian Philatelist*, like the Pharasee of old who prayed "Lord I thank Thee that I am not as other people are," says that *The Canadian* "is wonderfully free from the childish remarks seen in stamp papers such as the review "rot," as he terms the review critique in the *Philatelic Era* (the writer should have directed the attention of his readers to the pages of *The Ottawa Philatelist* for a sample of the "rot," to which he refers.) Would some one kindly hint to the writer of this remarkable review that "people that live in glass houses should not throw stones?"

I notice by one of the leading Canadian dailies that Mr. Morton, fomerly Secretary of State under the Cleveland regime, is likely to fill the position of Postmaster General in the incoming administration. The Postmaster General is a very important personage to the would-be Philatelic publisher in the U. S. In Canada, matters are different. A philatelic journal—no matter how small or edited and printed—has no difficulty in procuring pound rates.

A forcible rebuttal to the foolish idea entertained by some parents, that stamp collecting is detrimental to success in study was seen in the recent Departmental examinations held at Peterboro, Ont. Mr. J. Smithson, a student in attendance at the Collegiate Institute of that city, an enthusiastic stamp collector, succeeded in carrying off the most valuable scholarship offered to his class. As Mr. Smithson was the only collector in the class, this will go far towards proving that stamp collecting advances the student rather than deters him.

I. E. WELDON.

We have received C. F. Rothfuchs' wholesale and retail pricelists for 1893. Every dealer and collector should have them.

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CHAS. E. BABCOCK, Editor.

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Editorial.

We forgot to mention in our last number that the illustration on our first cover page is a representation of the Indiana State House.

The greatest surprise that stamp collectors have had for some time is that the C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Co. have failed and made an assignment for the benefit of their creditors. The liabilities aggregate $45,000 and the assets are placed at $150,000. Mr. Mekeel says the assets will more than meet the liabilities, and that neither stock-holders or creditors will lose a dollar. However, the *Philatelic Journal of America* appeared on time.

Albrecht & Co.'s eleventh auction sale catalogue is at hand, cataloguing over 800 lots, to be sold February 15th and 16th.

Collectors should be on the watch for bogusly cancelled Baden, 1862, 30 kr. orange. They can generally be detected by the "cracked" appearance on the back of the stamp. The gum on these stamps when in an unused condition is very thick and almost invariably cracks. When the gum is removed the "cracked" appearance on the back of the stamp is readily seen.

The cancellation is not a postmark, but is merely a large black mark on one corner. The inducement to a dishonest person in performing such a fraudulent act is great, as a stamp worth 20 cents is raised in value to $1.50.

The new 1893 Western Union Telegraph Stamps are in use and the old ones have been called in. The stamps are blue this year.

During the last four years $98,000,000 was paid to the railroads for carrying the mails.

6,780,980 pieces of original unclaimed matter were received at the Dead Letter Office in 1892.

Mr. Wanamaker states that the Government is receiving an over-profit from the sale of stamped envelopes, and recommends that the price be reduced for all the sizes of the present grades, and that a new and cheaper grade be added.

We have received No. 1 of the Philatelic Mail and Express, containing illustrations of the Columbian issue of the U. S. Stamps. Evidently A. H. Brett, the editor, wishes a call from Uncle Sam.

THE FAITHFUL STAMP'S REWARD.

Some think the postage stamp lacks force
Because 'tis always licked;
It takes the letter on its course
When in the corner sticked.

When by the clerk to slaughter led,
It heaves a little sigh;
The mallet falls upon its head,
And leaves a blackened eye.

But still it sticks, through thick and thin
Until its journey's ended,
When, burned to death, it would have been,
Unless by a boy befriended.

'Tis taken home and given a place
In the front of the collection,
Where it may show its martyred face,
With meekest of subjection.

It helps to beautify the page;
It has found a place at last,
Where it may spend its good old age,
And review its useful past.

STAMPS OF CORRIENTES.

By Ph. Heinsberger, New York.

Corrientes is a province of the Argentine Republic and was the first province in the Argentine Confederation to issue postage stamps. The first emission of stamps, 1856, were engraved on wood, but the workmen did not understand their business, as there are no two out of the eight blocks that are exactly alike. They are poorly made. The paper is blue, but of a peculiar texture of native manufacture. The denomination was one real, and for that amount a letter was mailed within the Argentine Confederation. In the year 1860, the letter postage was increased to 3 reales, and to save the expense of having new dies cut, they simply ran a "penmark" over the old value (one real.) In 1861, the letter fee was lowered to five centavos. Now, the "smart" post officials, to get a new stamp, cut out the portion of the die that contained the value, one real, and printed the five centavos stamps with a blank space instead of the denomination.

In 1863, the letter postage was further reduced to three centavos within the confederation, and these three centavos stamps were still printed on the same die, but on green-yellowish paper. These three centavos stamps were also

printed with rose and blue colors in 1870 and 1871.

The stamps of Corrientes are variously chronicled in European and American stamp catalogues, and some catalogues contain also a two centavo stamp, but this value is uncertain. The used specimens are very scarce, almost unobtainable, and many counterfeits are in circulation.

Needless to say that these poorly made stamps have been reprinted, perhaps, or perhaps not at all with the same useful die. When the Confederacion Argentina changed to the "Republica Argentina" the stamps of Corrientes were discontinued and superceded by regular stamps of the Argentine Republic.

A WORD TO DEALERS.

We want every stamp dealer to give us at least a trial advertisement and as an extra inducement to those who have not tried the HOOSIER STAMP and do not know the merits of our columns as an advertising medium, we will insert advertisements at the rate of 25 cents per inch, with no discount for ads. running more than one month, but contracts may be made for as much space as desired for six months or less at this exceedingly low rate, provided the space is engaged before March 4th. Ads. for less than three months, payable in advance.

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*	6c. Brown	12	.09
*	7c "	1.00	.80
*10c.	"	25	.20
*30c.	"	50	.40

Post Office.

	1c. Black	20	.15
	2c. "	20	.15
*90	"	1.00	.80

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50	R. Carmine	.08	.05
100	R. "	12	.08
*10	R. Orange	.03	.02
*20	R. Ultramarine	.05	.03

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1889	50 R. Yellow	15	.10
	300 R. "	25	.15
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		Cat. price	My price
*1883	20c. Brown	$2.50	$1.25
*	Ecuador 7 var	1.12	.15
*	Alwar 2 var	14	.09

New Zealand.

1882	10 sh. Brown	50	.25
1881	1 lb Rose	1.00	.50

Entire Envelopes.

U. S.

*1874	12c. Plumb	2.00
*	90c. Carmine	1.75
*	2c. Vermillion	.10

Brazil.

*1867	200 R. Black	.20
*1867	300 R. Vermillion	.60
1889	100 R. Green	.15

Brunswick.

1855	3 sgr Rose	1.25
1865	2 sgr Blue	1.00

Hanover.

1861	1 gr Rose	.25

Prussia.

1856	1 sg Rose	.15
1856	2 sg Blue	.25

India.

*1879	9 p Vermillion	.25

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